

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse the § 103(a) rejection of claims 1-3 and 9 over Harada '563.

The invention, as set forth, *e.g.*, in claim 1 includes, *inter alia*, a device for receiving a command, which presents a list including at least a part of a series of processes. With this configuration, a user can recognize the processes, facilitating selection by the user of a process.

Harada, in contrast, discloses only creation and storage of processes, but not display of the processes, and lacking this feature or any suggestion thereof, Harada does not disclose or suggest all of the features of the invention, cannot obtain benefits of the invention, and cannot render obvious claim 1 or its dependent claims 2 and 3.

With respect to claim 9, according to the present invention, as recited in this claim, a process subjected to influence of modification applied to the modification candidate process is specified and the specified process is displayed.

Harada, in contrast, discloses specification of a process subjected to the influence of modification, but neither discloses nor suggests display of the specified process. In the present invention, as set forth in claim 9, the user can review the influence of the modification, including any advance influence, but the user of the Harada system cannot review the influence of the modification, and hence cannot obtain the benefits of the invention. Again, Harada does not disclose or suggest all of the features of claim 9, and cannot therefore render it obvious under § 103(a).

Applicants also respectfully traverse the § 103(a) rejection of claims 4-8, 10, and 11 over Harada in view of Marks.

Claim 4 recites, among other things, a step of presenting a list including at least a part of the series of processes. As discussed above, Harada neither teaches nor suggests this step. Marks fails to disclose the teachings missing from Harada, and in any event, Marks discloses display of a 2D wideframe projection for assisting in creation of a 3D image. This process is completely unrelated to a process subject to influence of modification, so Marks is non-analogous art, and one of ordinary skill in the art would have no motivation to combine Marks with Harada, so this combination of references fails to render the claims obvious under § 103(a).

Claim 5 recites presentation of a list including at least a part of the series of processes. As discussed above, this feature, and its desirability, are disclosed neither in Harada nor in Marks, and in any event, these references are not properly combinable, so claim 5 is not rendered obvious under § 103(a).

Claim 6 recites, among other things, that the design support system displays the adjustment procedure images, and this feature is neither disclosed nor suggested in either Harada or Marks, rendering claim 6 patentable over these references.

Claim 7 depends from claim 6, and is patentable at least for this reason.

Claim 8 recites a step of displaying an adjustment procedure image, which is neither disclosed nor suggested by Harada or Marks, and the same comments apply to claims 10 and 11, so all of these claims are patentable over the cited references.

In summary, Harada and Marks viewed alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest all of the features of any of the rejected claims, and in addition these references are non-analogous and not properly combinable.

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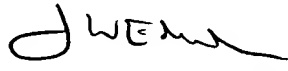
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims, withdrawal of the rejections, and a prompt Notice of Allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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